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IF WE  
STAY IN ORBIT  
LIKE THIS ANY  
LONGER --

--WE WILL  
BE TOO LATE  
TO SAVE YOUR  
FRIENDS!

BUT IF  
WE MAKE A  
MOVE --

--THE  
MANDALORIANS WILL  
**BLOW US OUT OF  
THE SKY!**



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Falsely accused of killing his fellow Jedi students, ZAYNE CARRICK most wanted to prove his innocence to SHEL, the sister of his slain best friend. But with his murderous former Masters after him, he fled the planet TARIS before he had the chance.

The world has changed much in the weeks of his absence. The warlike MANDALORIANS have laid siege to Taris, forcing the law-abiding population to seek cover in the LOWER CITY, where such gang-leaders as GADON THEK normally rule.

Now, Zayne has returned to the planet in search of his friend GRYPH—ostensibly there on a mission to find the troubled world's senator. But it is Zayne who is found first—by Shel and one of Zayne's pursuers, the increasingly unhinged RAANA TEY, who encourages his former friend to avenge her brother . . .

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FAR BELOW, IN  
THE LOWER CITY  
HEADQUARTERS OF  
THE RESISTANCE...

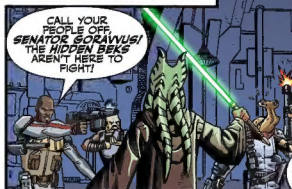
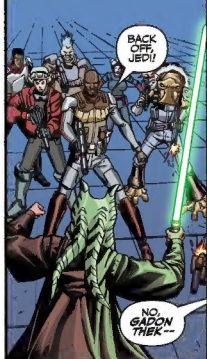
LADY,  
DON'T!

YOU  
TOUCH THAT  
TRIGGER--AND  
I'LL GIVE YOU TO  
THE MOOMO!

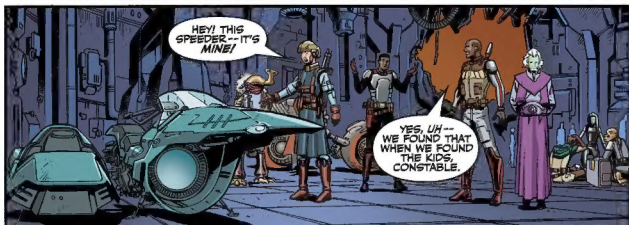
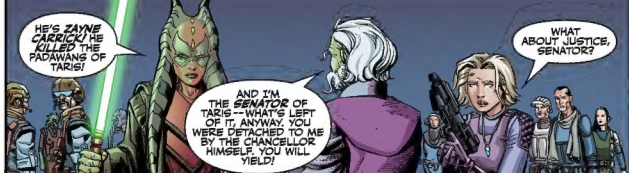
THE KID'S  
MY BOUNTY,  
STRIPEY-  
HEAD!







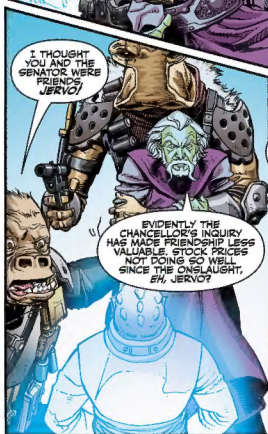


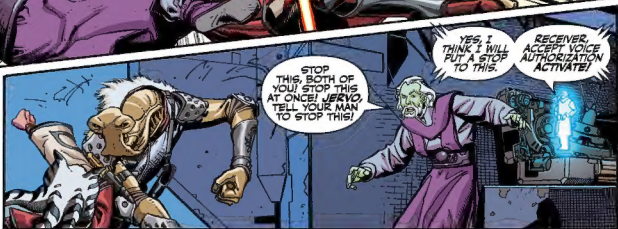














I KNEW THE CHANCELLOR HAD SENT A JEDI TO FIND YOU, GORAVVUS -- WHICH IS WHY I HAD A BACK-UP PLAN. THE BOMB IN GRYPH'S BRIEFCASE.

YEEK!

PRIMARY TARGET IDENTIFIED. DETONATION SEQUENCE BEGINNING.



NO NEED TO RUN -- IT'S A BIG ONE. BUT WHAT'S ONE MORE EXPLOSION ON TARI'S NIGHT NOW?

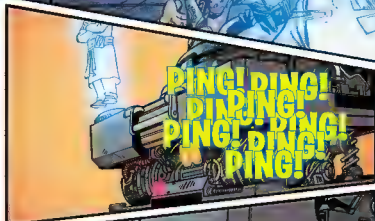
WAIT! DON'T DO THIS! I MEAN, THIS POLITICS THING -- IT'S ALL JUST A RACKET, RIGHT?



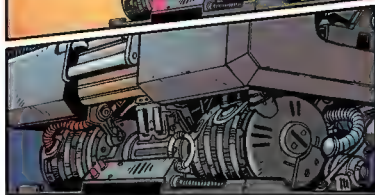
YES...YES, I GUESS IT IS. OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF IDIOTS.

GOOD-BYE, GORAVVUS. IT WAS NICE WORKING WITH YOU -- BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'RE ALL FIRED.

PING! PING! PING! PING!

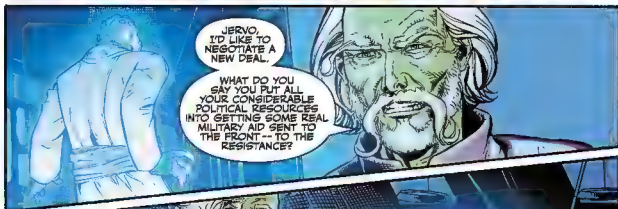


PING! PING! PING! PING!



UMM...WHAT HAPPENED?







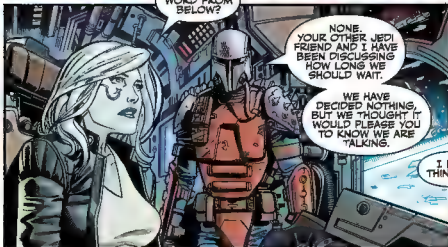
AM, THERE  
YOU ARE,  
JARAEL --



-- I HAVE BEEN  
LISTENING TO THEIR  
CHATTER IN THE OTHER  
COCKPIT. THE MANDO'ADE  
ARE STILL FOCUSED  
ON THE INVASION.

THEY  
WILL NOT HAVE  
PERSONNEL TO DO  
MORE THAN WATCH  
OTHER CAPTURED  
VESSELS FOR  
A WHILE.

STILL NO  
WORD FROM  
BELOW?



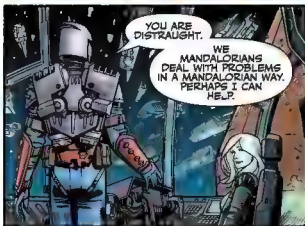
NONE.  
YOUR OTHER JEDI  
FRIEND AND I HAVE  
BEEN DISCUSSING  
HOW LONG WE  
SHOULD WAIT.

WE HAVE  
DECIDED NOTHING,  
BUT WE THOUGHT IT  
WOULD PLEASE YOU  
TO KNOW WE ARE  
TALKING.

I KEEP  
THINKING --

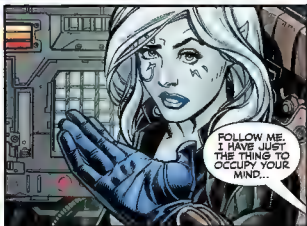


-- I KEEP  
THINKING CAMPER  
WILL CALL. BUT HE  
DOESN'T KNOW WHERE  
I AM. ADASCA TOOK  
MY LOCATOR  
BRACELET.



YOU ARE  
DISTRAUGHT.

WE  
MANDALORIANS  
DEAL WITH PROBLEMS  
IN A MANDALORIAN WAY.  
PERHAPS I CAN  
HELP.



FOLLOW ME.  
I HAVE JUST  
THE THING TO  
OCCUPY YOUR  
MIND...

INSIDE THE  
TARIS RESISTANCE  
STRONGHOLD...

SHEL!  
SHEL! I'VE BEEN  
TRYING TO GET  
YOUR ATTENTION  
ALL DAY!

I'M  
WORKING.  
LEAVE ME  
ALONE.

SHEL,  
PLEASE...WHERE'S  
YOUR LITTLE BROTHER?  
WHERE'S SHAY?

WHY,  
DO YOU WANT  
TO KILL HIM,  
TOO?

SHEL!

HE'S SOMEPLACE  
SAFE. SOMEPLACE  
ELSE. SOMEONE SENT  
ME SOME MONEY--A  
LOT. I ASSUMED IT  
CAME FROM THE  
JEDI ORDER.

IT WAS ENOUGH  
TO PAY FOR THE  
FAMILY WE'VE BEEN  
STAYING WITH TO  
TAKE SHAY TO OUR  
GRANDPARENTS'  
PLACE ON ORD  
MANTELL.

BUT-- WHY  
DIDN'T YOU GO  
WITH THEM? THERE  
WAS ENOUGH FOR  
BOTH OF YOU--

I NEEDED  
THE MONEY--  
TO PUT A BOUNTY  
ON YOUR HEAD!

MY--?

SHEL, I  
SENT YOU THAT  
MONEY! MY DAD  
FORWARDED IT  
TO YOU FROM  
TELERATH!

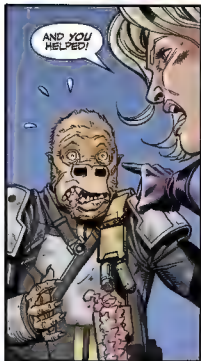
LIAR! WHERE  
WOULD YOU GET  
THAT KIND OF  
MONEY?

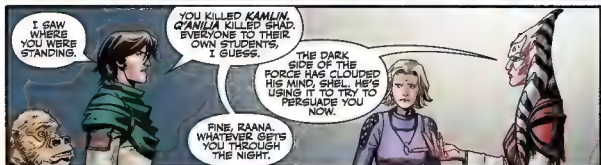
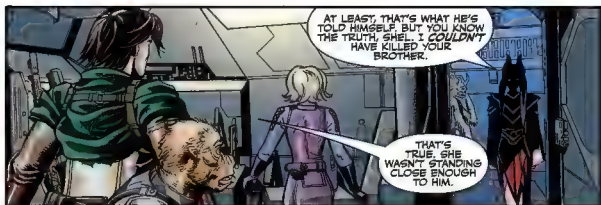
I EARNED  
IT-- SORT  
OF. I--

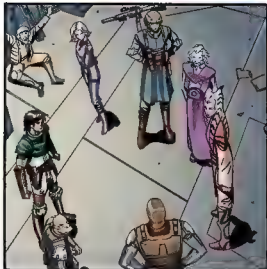
WAIT!  
YOU PUT A  
BOUNTY  
ON ME?

YOU?



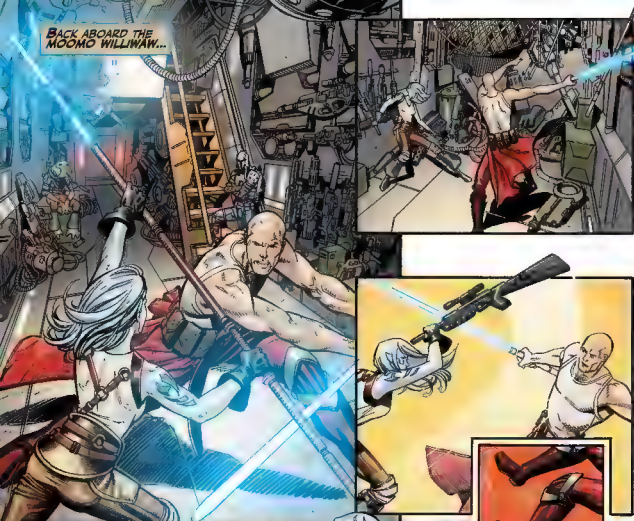








BACK ABOARD THE  
MOOMO WILLIWAY...



YOU'RE  
GOOD. BETTER  
THAN YOU HAVE  
ANY RIGHT TO  
BE.



AND SHE  
CAN BE BETTER  
STILL. A WARRIOR  
CAN TELL.



KEEP  
TRAINING. IT  
WILL FILL THE TIME  
UNTIL ZAYNE  
RETURNS.



MANDALORIANS.  
WHO CAN FIGURE  
THEM?

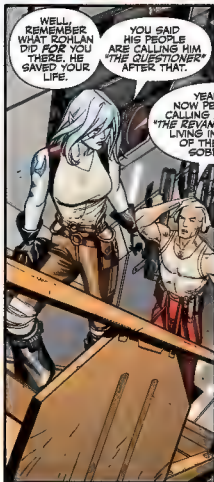
HE'S BEEN  
WONDERFUL  
TO ME.

OH, I  
KNOW--



-- INTELLECTUALLY,  
I KNOW. BUT MY SENSES  
ARE ALL TWISTED WHEN IT  
COMES TO THAT GUY.  
SEEING HIM JUST REMINDS  
ME OF FLASHPOINT --

--AND WHAT  
DEMAGOL DID TO  
ME THERE.



WELL,  
REMEMBER  
WHAT ROHLAN  
DID FOR YOU  
THERE. HE  
SAVED YOUR  
LIFE.

YOU SAID  
HIS PEOPLE  
ARE CALLING HIM  
"THE QUESTIONER"  
AFTER THAT.

YEAH, AND  
NOW PEOPLE ARE  
CALLING MY MASTER  
"THE REVANCHIST." WE'RE  
LIVING IN THE DAYS  
OF THE SNAPPY  
SOBRRIQUET.

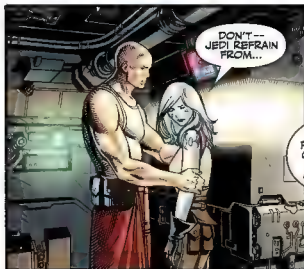


ALMOST  
MAKES YOU  
FORGET HOW  
DEADLY SERIOUS  
IT'S ALL  
BECOME...

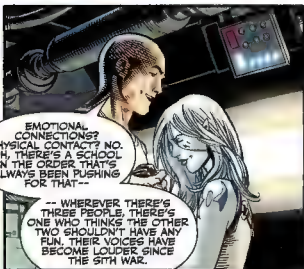


JARAE...?

I'M SORRY.  
I'VE BEEN SUCH  
A MESS LATELY.  
CAMPER'S GONE.  
ELBEE HASN'T  
MOVED SINCE  
HE LEFT. AND  
ZAYNE...

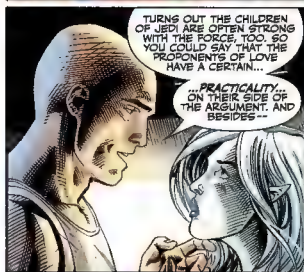


DON'T --  
JEDI REFRAIN  
FROM...



EMOTIONAL  
CONNECTIONS?  
PHYSICAL CONTACT? NO.  
OH, THERE'S A SCHOOL  
IN THE ORDER THAT'S  
ALWAYS BEEN PUSHING  
FOR THAT--

-- WHEREVER THERE'S  
THREE PEOPLE, THERE'S  
ONE WHO THINKS THE OTHER  
TWO SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY  
FUN. THEIR VOICES HAVE  
BECOME LOUDER SINCE  
THE SITH WAR.



TURNS OUT THE CHILDREN  
OF JEDI ARE OFTEN STRONG  
WITH THE FORCE, TOO. SO  
YOU COULD SAY THAT THE  
PROponents OF LOVE  
HAVE A CERTAIN...

...PRACTICALITY...  
ON THEIR SIDE OF  
THE ARGUMENT. AND  
BESIDES--

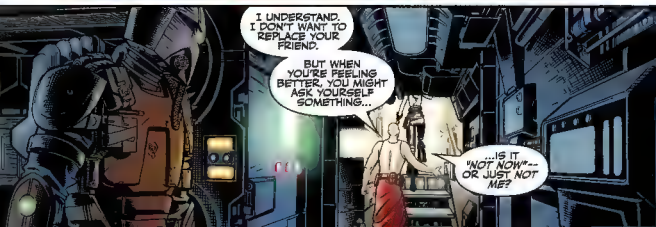


I--  
ALEK--

-- IN TIMES  
LIKE THESE, IT  
HELPS TO HAVE  
SOMETHING TO  
HOLD ON TO.



-- NOT NOW.  
PLEASE. ADASCA  
REALLY ABUSED  
MY TRUST, AND  
CAMPER...



I UNDERSTAND.  
I DON'T WANT TO  
REPLACE YOUR  
FRIEND.

BUT WHEN  
YOU'RE FEELING  
BETTER, YOU MIGHT  
ASK YOURSELF  
SOMETHING...

...IS IT  
"NOT NOW"--  
OR JUST NOT  
ME?



INSIDE THE  
TARIS RESISTANCE  
STRONGHOLD...

--THE JEDI  
TOWER HAS A  
GARDEN PLAZA AND  
LANDING BAY AT ITS  
LOWEST LEVEL. THE  
MANDALORIANS ARE  
USING THAT FLOOR  
AND ALL THE ONES  
ABOVE IT.

BUT LIKE MOST  
THINGS IN HIGHPORT,  
IT'S BUILT ON TOP OF  
SOMETHING ELSE. THE  
FOUNDATION IS PART OF  
AN OLD ATMOSPHERE  
CONTROL COMPLEX--

--AN AIR-  
SCRUBBER,  
BASICALLY, TO  
CYCLE SMOG OUT  
OF THE TARIS  
STREETS.

VENTS,  
TUNNELS,  
GENERATORS.  
OUR KIND OF  
LANDSCAPE.

WE GOT  
DEMOLITION CHARGES  
IN LAST WEEK'S RAID, BUT  
WE'VE HAD NO WAY TO SET  
ALL OF THEM OFF AT  
ONCE IN A CONTROLLED  
EXPLOSION, FROM  
AFAR.

OUR NEW  
FRIENDS HAVE  
GIVEN US JUST  
THAT, WHETHER  
THEY INTENDED  
TO OR NOT.

CAN YOU  
UNRAVEL THE  
DETONITE CORD  
AND GET THE  
DETONATOR  
WORKING AGAIN,  
MOOMO?

OH, IT'LL  
WORK. YOU TRUST  
DEL MOOMO. IT'LL  
WORK.





I'VE GOTTEN OUT OF THE PLACE ENOUGH TIMES. I CAN GET BACK IN.

AND I GUESS IT WAS KIND OF MY IDEA.



BUT YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US, CARRICK.

I AM. I'LL GO.



SHEL, I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM--AND YOU'VE BEEN A MARVELOUS HELP TO US. BUT THIS COULD BE--

I'VE VISITED THERE, SENATOR. HAVE ANY OF YOU? AND THERE'S SOME BAD MEMORIES THERE I'D LIKE TO PUT TO REST.

THEN I WILL GO, AS WELL. SHEL WILL NEED PROTECTION. FROM THE MANDALORIANS--AND FROM THE BOY.



WHAT?

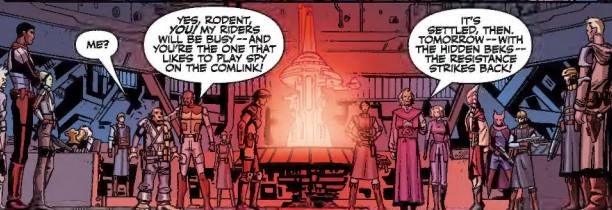
IF YOU HAVE FALLEN TO THE DARK SIDE, SHE NEEDS PROTECTION. AND IF YOU HAVEN'T...

...YOU'RE STILL INCOMPETENT.



WELL, SHE'S GOT YOU THERE. ENJOY YOURSELVES. I'LL HAVE A POT OF FOOD PASTE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK.

OH, NO. I'LL NEED YOU WITH US IN THE FOUNDATION, HELPING US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE TEAM IN THE JEDI TOWER.



ME?

YES, RODENT, YOU! MY RIDERS WILL BE BUSY--AND YOU'RE THE ONE THAT LIKES TO PLAY SPY ON THE COMLINK!

IT'S SETTLED, THEN. TOMORROW--WITH THE HIDDEN BEKS--THE RESISTANCE STRIKES BACK!



